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SUBJECT: (C) KUDOS FOR NEW DELHI REPORTING

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Classified By: MICHAEL P. OWENS, ACTING DIR, INR/OPS. REASON: 1.4(C).

¶1. (S/NF) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS GREATLY APPRECIATED REFTEL. WE ARE CLOSELY FOLLOWING DRDO ATTEMPTS TO REFORM DEFENSE R&D AND FOUND THIS REPORT ESPECIALLY VALUABLE. IT PROVIDED WELCOME INSIGHTS INTO DRDO'S EFFORTS AS WELL AS REGARDING THE ONGOING CONTEST BETWEEN INDIAN INDUSTRY AND PUBLIC SECTOR DEFENSE ENTITIES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION POST CAN PROVIDE ON THIS SUBJECT, AS TIME AND RESOURCES PERMIT, ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES. MANY THANKS.

¶1A. (S) IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE PROVIDE THE REFERENCED REPORT FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF APPLIED ECONOMIC RESEARCH ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF DRDO EXPENDITURES OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS.

¶1B. (S) INDIAN INDUSTRY HAS RECENTLY CALLED FOR CHANGING THE PERCENTAGE OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT FROM 26 PERCENT TO 49 PERCENT. WHAT WAS DISCUSSED ABOUT THIS AT THE CONFERENCE, IF ANYTHING?

1) (S) WHAT ARE POLICYMAKER AND/OR DRDO VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE?

¶2. (U) PLEASE CITE C-WP9-00133 IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF REPORTING IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS.
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